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SUBJECT: RUMORS OF IMPENDING SYRIAN/JORDANIAN CONFEDERATION:

ISRAELI VIEWS

REFS: (A) STATE 37838 (NOTAL), (B) BONN 1690

1. MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL EVRON TOLD US FEBRUARY 20 HE HAD REQUESTED THE MINISTRY'S RESEARCH DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE A PAPER ON THE IMPLICATIONS FOR ISRAEL OF A POTENTIAL SYRIAN/JORDANIAN CONFEDERATION AND SUGGESTED THAT WE SHARE OUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS WHEN HE HAS THAT PAPER, HOPEFULLY NEXT WEEK. EVRON SAID THAT HE HAD TENTATIVELY DRAWN UP A LIST OF AGREEMENTS AND PROJECTS OF COOPERATION SHARED BETWEEN JORDAN AND SYRIA THUS FAR AND THAT THE LIST WAS IMPRESSIVE. HE SAID THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE GROWING COORDINATION AND

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COOPERATION IN THE MILITARY FIELD AND MENTIONED

SPECIFICALLY THE INCREASING USE OF COMPATIBLE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

2. EVRON WENT ON TO SAY THAT ONE RESULT OF THIS ALREADY IMPRESSIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN JORDAN AND SYRIA IS THAT THAT PLO FEELS UNDERCUT AND IS TURNING TOWARD CAIRO. SEVERAL RECENT ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EGYPTIANS IN RESPONDING TO THE PLO HAVE DISTURBED THE GOI. EGYPT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE LIVING UP TO ITS COMMITMENT OF LAST SEPTEMBER NOT TO UNDERMINE ISRAELI POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MOVES IN THIRD COUNTRIES. AS EXAMPLES HE LISTED EGYPT'S SPONSORING OF HOSTILE UN RESOLUTIONS, ITS PRESSURE ON SPAIN TO AVOID ANY SPANISH/ISRAELI RAPPROACHMENT AND ITS PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES IN ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK OR DISRUPT THE MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON SOVIET JEWRY. MOST DISTURBING TO THE GOI, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN A RECENT LETTER FROM SADAT TO FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN WHICH SADAT ASKS SCHMIDT TO RENEGE ON THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S "CORRECTION" OF FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE NECESSITY FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWALS FROM "ALL TERRITORIES" (I.E., TO LET GENSCHER'S ORIGINAL STATEMENT STAND WITHOUT CORRECTION), SADAT REPORTEDLY TOLD SCHMIDT THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER CANCELLING HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO BONN THIS SPRING UNLESS HIS REQUEST WAS MET.
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